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 (54) Titre: FIXATION D'INSTRUMENTS CHIRURGICAUX A DES SITES TISSULAIRES VOULUS

(57) Abstract

Devices and methods are provided for securely affixing a medical instrument to desired tissue in a patient's body, using a fixation agent. Such medical instruments may comprise localization wires or tissue acquisition instruments, such as biopsy instruments, for example. In the case of tissue acquisition instruments, the inventors have discovered significant advantages for securely affixing the distal end of the tissue acquisition instrument to a particular tissue target area. For example, such an approach permits the imaging environment to be uncoupled from the procedural environment so that expensive and often unavailable imaging equipment, such as stereotactic imaging equipment, need not be used. In a preferred embodiment, a bonding agent, such as adhesive, surgical glue, or a solvent, is used as the fixation agent.

(57) Abrégé

L'invention concerne des dispositifs et procédés de fixation solide d'un instrument médical, au niveau d'un tissu voulu, dans le corps d'un patient, et ce au moyen d'un agent de fixation. Un tel instrument médical peut comporter des fils métalliques de localisation ou des appareils de prélèvement de tissus, comme par exemple des instruments de biopsie. En ce qui concerne les instruments de biopsie, les inventeurs ont découvert des avantages importants d'une fixation solide, sur une zone cible de tissus, de l'extrémité distale de l'appareil de prélèvement de tissus. Par exemple, une telle approche permet de désaccoupler l'environnement d'imagerie de l'environnement de procédure, de sorte qu'il n'est pas nécessaire d'utiliser un matériel d'imagerie cher et souvent indisponible, comme un matériel d'imagerie stéréotaxique. Dans un mode de réalisation préféré, on utilise un agent de fixation, tel qu'un adhésif, une colle chirurgicale ou un solvant, en tant qu'agent de fixation.

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1. Claims: 1,2,8,9,23

Medical device with tissue attachment and localisation wire

2. Claims: 1,3-13,23-29,40

Medical device with [means for dispensing] a dispensable bonding agent as means for fixing distal end to target tissue

3. Claims: 1,14-20,23,30-36

Medical device with expandable mechanical structure as means for fixing the distal end to target tissue

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